

Upton Conservation Commission Treestand Guidelines

These guidelines describe Conservation Commission policy concerning use of treestands on Town of Upton conservation lands and other lands managed by the Conservation Commission and Upton Land Stewardship Committee at the request of the selectmen. The guidelines do not apply to other land owned by the town of Upton, Upton State Forest, or privately owned land.

Hunters may install and use treestands without prior written Commission approval, subject to the following conditions:

1. No person shall construct, maintain, or use a permanent treestand. A permanent treestand is one which is constructed using nails, screws, or other fasteners which intrude into the wood of the tree.
2. Treestands must not be visible from mapped hiking trails. This is to reduce the risk that a person (non-owner) will locate a treestand, climb it, and suffer a climbing injury.
3. Treestands may be installed no earlier than 30 days prior to deer hunting season and must be removed within 30 days after deer hunting season closes. Treestands installed outside this interval are subject to removal by the Commission (owners of confiscated treestands may claim them at the Conservation Commission office).
4. No trees shall be cut down to improve sight lines. Trimming of small branches (maximum 1.5" diameter) is permitted.

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